

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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OFFICE OF CHEMICAL SAFETY AND POLLUTION PREVENTION

Ms. Eileen Conneely American Chemistry Council High Phthalates Panel 700 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, NW Washington, D.C. 20002

Dear Ms. Conneely:

I am writing to confirm that, on May 24, 2019, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) received a request from ExxonMobil Chemical Company through the American Chemistry Council's High Phthalates Panel for EPA to conduct a risk evaluation for Diisodecyl Phthalate (DIDP), CASRN 26761-40-0 and CASRN 68515-49-1. Consistent with section 6(b)(4) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) and 40 CFR 702.37, EPA provides a process for manufacturers to request the Agency conduct risk evaluations on chemical substances. We appreciate your submission.

Your request for a risk evaluation of DIDP has been determined to be facially complete, in accordance with 40 CFR 702.37(e)(1).

EPA will assess whether the circumstances identified in your request constitute conditions of use under 40 CFR 702.33, and whether those conditions of use warrant inclusion within the scope of a risk evaluation for DIDP. EPA will also assess what, if any, additional conditions of use warrant inclusion within the scope of a risk evaluation for the chemical.

A public comment period will be opened on or before August 19, 2019, and comments may be posted for DIDP under Docket EPA-HQ-OPPT-2018-0435. This comment period will be no less than 45 calendar days to allow the public to submit comments and other information relevant to the requested risk evaluation.

Within 60 days of the end of the public comment period, EPA will review the request, along with any additional information received during the comment period, to determine whether it meets applicable regulatory criteria and requirements. At the end of this 60-day period, EPA will notify you of its decision and the bases for granting or denying the request. The Agency will also notify the public of its decision at that time.

If you have any questions regarding your request, please feel free to contact Eva Cappuccilli of my staff at cappuccilli.eva@epa.gov or 202-564-4688.

Sincerely,

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Director

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